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For:	CYCLIC SULFAMIDES FOR INHIBITION OF GAMMA SECRETASE		Examiner: Chung, Susannah L.

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REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Rejection dated March 17, 2008 setting forth a shortened statutory period for response ending June 17, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned patent application are respectfully requested. This application relates to cyclic sulfamides for inhibition of gamma secretase.


Claims 1 to 7 and 11 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 to 7 have been finally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 to 16 of U.S. Patent No. 7,041,689 ("the '689 patent") and claims 1 to 10 of U.S. Patent No. 7,282,513 ("the '513 patent"). The Examiner has indicated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer will overcome these rejections. Claim 11 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Submitted herewith are separate terminal disclaimers for each of the '689 and '513 patents. Entry of these terminal disclaimers is respectfully requested. Applicants submit the terminal disclaimers overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of Claims 1 to 7. Such action also overcomes the objection to Claim 11 which now depends on an allowable claim.

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Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and passage thereto is earnestly requested. Any fees required in connection with this Reply may be taken from Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

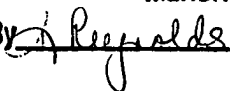
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